

**Eden District Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
4 February 2021**

Scrutiny Work Plans

Report from:	Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wards:	All wards
OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To set out the current and possible future agenda items for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report invites suggestions for possible agenda items from all non-Executive Members.

2 Recommendation

It is recommended that any agenda items for the next or future meetings be agreed.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 The work plan allows all non-Executive Members the opportunity to suggest possible agenda items for Scrutiny meetings. The agenda items for each meeting will ultimately be determined by the Chairman. The proposed work plan is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. For information the three month forward plan for the Executive is included as Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The work plan outlines known agenda items and items suggested by non-Executive Members. Members are invited to discuss the work plan and agree any items that they would to receive at their next meeting and agree any future agenda items. The scheduling of agenda items will be undertaken in consultation with the Chairman and the relevant service area. Any agenda items should be within the remit of the Committee.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
- Sustainable;
 - Healthy, safe and secure;
 - Connected; and
 - Creative
- 4.2 This report meets the Sustainable corporate policy by ensuring that the Council has good governance arrangements in place and is operating in an open and transparent way, with Members who are kept informed and motivated.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation will be undertaken with members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Any non-Executive member is able to add topics to the work programme at any time during the Municipal year.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2019-2023 as agreed at Council on 7 November 2019.
- 6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 Scrutiny committees are not decision making bodies. Any recommendations that this committee makes will need to be considered by the appropriate Member decision making body. It is recognised that Scrutiny provides a valuable contribution to strong corporate governance.

6.3 Human Resources

- 6.3.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	None arising from this report
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	None arising from this report
Crime and Disorder	None arising from this report
Children and Safeguarding	None arising from this report

6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
The Committee can choose not to set a work plan for the forthcoming year.	The Council does not scrutinise topics of public interest or the work of the Executive, leading to poor standards of governance and reputational damage to the Council.	That the Committee regularly reviews its work plan and adds to it as necessary.

7 Other Options Considered

- 7.1 No other options have been considered.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

- 8.1 Consideration of the proposed work plan allows Committee Members to have a greater sense of ownership over their meetings, which assists with maintaining Member engagement in the decision making process, and helps to ensure that the scrutiny function addresses issues of relevance to the Council and its communities going forward.

Background Papers: **None**

Appendices: **Appendix 1 - Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan
2020-2021**

Appendix 2 – Executive Forward Plan

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